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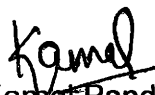
To,
Shri S. Raju
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Drinking Water Supply Department
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Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 25/2/2014 at Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan- 2014-15 in respect of Uttarakhand

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to send a copy of minutes of the meeting held to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan- 2014-15 in respect of Uttarakhand on 25/2/2014 at Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi for further necessary action.

Yours Faithfully


(Kamal Pandey)
Deputy Director (Stats)

Encl: As above

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1. Director (Water)
- ✓ 2. Technical Director (NIC) for hosting the minutes on Ministry's website.

Minutes of the Meeting to discuss the NRDWP Annual Action Plan 2014-15 of Uttarakhand State

1. A meeting to discuss NRDWP Annual Action Plan (2014-15) of Uttarakhand State was held on February 25, 2014 in the Office of Joint Secretary (Water), Paryavaran Bhavan, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri Satyabrata Sahu, Joint Secretary (Water), Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation (GoI). Uttarakhand State was represented by Ms. Sowjanya, Addl. Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand. The list of the participants is annexed.

2. **It was informed to the State of Uttarakhand that keeping in view the presently communicated allocation for NRDWP during 2014-15 to the Ministry, the State will have a tentative allocation of Rs. 147.04 crore (based on the criteria prescribed in NRDWP guidelines). This allocation excludes Management Devolution Index based on Incentive funding and the same will be communicated after evaluation. Under Water Quality Special Focus Fund Proect (subject to approval of cabinet), the State is eligible to get another Rs 1.63 crore. The exact allocation will be communicated to the State in the month of April 2014.**

3. **The gist of the discussion is as follows:**
 1. JS (Water), MDWS reviewed the implementation of NRDWP in Uttarakhand and observed that the performance of the State in implementation of NRDWP during 2013-14 is extremely poor. The State is at bottom along with 2-3 States in performance of NRDWP during 2013-14. The State has not even absorbed the 1st installment of NRDWP of 2013-14 Programme funds and has also not used NRDWP-calamity funds provided by the Ministry, way back in June 2013, till date. Ms. Sowjanya, Addl. Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand, informed that the State has used funds provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs. World Bank project has also been approved for the State for other infrastructure projects. JS (Water) said that it is ironic that despite such a large scale natural calamity, State has so far not used the NRDWP calamity funds and has sought funds from other external agencies. Addl. Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand informed that tendering has already been done and the calamity funds would be utilized soon. She informed the Ministry that the performance of the State is poor due to wide destruction caused by flashfloods and earthquake past years due to which, many areas still remain inaccessible. Officials of Uttarakhand State informed that there is a problem of matching share from the State as like NRDWP funds, State funds are not routed through SWSM. However, the issue is likely to be sorted out soon. Officials from the State informed

that the State is likely to cover 900 rural habitations by the end of March 2014 (as against a target of 1073 habitations for 2013-14).

- II. Shri Bhajan Singh, MD, Uttarakhand Jal Nigam, informed that there were some issues regarding UC/ASA not being provided by Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan to whom funds to the tune of Rs 5.0 crore were provided for O & M of the schemes in rural areas. It came out during discussions that PRIs, to whom Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan has reportedly provided funds, are not giving UCs. He directed that a meeting with Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan may be conveyed soon by the Principal Secretary, RWSS, Uttarakhand to sort out this issue.
- III. Physical and Financial progress of the State in utilizing NRDWP Support funds, WQMS, WQ-Earmarked funds are very low. Officials from the State informed that presently there are no PRIs in place since October 2013. This has also affected performance of the State on MDI, FTK training and other sub-components involving community participation. Officials from the Ministry observed that these are just excuses as FTKs could have been distributed to ASHA workers and school teachers. State has lost significant amount of MDI funds as O & M of even small schemes has not been handed over to PRIs.
- IV. State should check SC population and its percentage in the State. As per the information available in the Ministry, %age SC population in Uttarakhand is 27.99 while State officials informed that there percentage of SC population is 15 %. It was decided to accept the figure of Census 2011.
- V. There are 2 Minority districts –Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar, in the State as per the information available. Dr. Dinesh Chand, Addl. Advisor, MDWS, advised the State officials to obtain complete latest information of Minority status from Ministry of Minority Affairs and spend the required percentage of the NRDWP funds accordingly in these areas. State was also advised to indicate target and revise the AAP Format for the same accordingly for 2014-15.
- VI. JS (Water), MDWS, observed that the **State should give equal focus on all components of NRDWP** and not only to the NRDWP-Programme Funds. He said that funds would not be released to the State from next year onwards if they do not perform satisfactory on other components apart from Coverage.
- VII. **State shall follow NRDWP Guidelines in letter & Spirit and shall not violate any provision of the Guideline.** This was made clear to the State as the Ministry has observed that some of the States have taken fully covered habitations as a target in 2013-14 and, are not giving priority to partially covered habitations and water quality affected habitations. State informed that there was a problem in updation of

data on IMIS last year as PC habitations are actually around 13,000 (and not 36,000 as IMIS is showing now). However, it emerged that the State has not paid proper attention on updation of data on IMIS and this is entirely the negligence of the officials of the State. State should train their officials on all aspect of IMIS in NIC of the MDWS immediately.

- VIII. State should ensure that NRDWP Sustainability Funds are spent on sustainability of sources, and not on supply/procurement of pipes and pumps which are not permissible under Sustainability component.
- IX. It emerged during AAP discussions that since Uttarakhand is a water rich State, it intends to shift 5 % funds from Sustainability to Coverage. It may retain 5 % Funds for Sustainability purpose (instead of 10 % as prevalent presently) and shift the excess 5 % funds for coverage. However, while shifting the funds from Sustainability (which is provided on 100 % Central Sharing basis), State would have to provide equal matching share i.e. 50:50 for coverage or O & M. **The State is required to submit the rainfall data and also request in writing to the Ministry for its formal approval.**
- X. There are 4 major parameters in terms of which the Ministry would like to measure the impact of NRDWP in all States. These are: 1). Coverage of Partially Covered habitations (giving top priority to 0-25 % coverage followed by 25-50 % coverage and so on), 2). Enhancement of PWS schemes 3). Enhancement of Household tap connections and 4). Coverage of water quality affected habitations. All these parameters inevitably cover the other soft components of NRDWP which includes institutional arrangements like WSSO/DWSM/BRC etc, Training, HRD Activities, MIS, Laboratory setting/upgradation etc.
- XI. From now onwards, NRDWP Funds for 2014-15 and for subsequent years would be released and deposited in State Government account and not to the SWSM, Jal Nigam etc. Hence, officials from the State should work closely with the State Finance Department in order to timely avail the funds and utilize it.
- XII. **State should plan AAP for 2014-15 based on total tentative allocation of Rs 147.04 crore in 2014-15 (as Central share) plus unspent balance as on 1/4/2014. The State should plan NRDWP activities for 2014-15 accordingly, adhering to the AAP meeting discussions, recast the AAP and resubmit the same to the Ministry at the earliest for approval.** AAP should also reflect expenditure on SC/ST and minority concentrated habitations on IMIS of the Ministry from Central and State share.

- XIII. After due deliberation and review of the targets taken in 2013-14, the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, has suggested the State to take following targets for 2014-15:

Total number of habitations	Target Habitations for 2014-15		
	Target for Quality Affected Habitations	Other habitations (Partially Covered)	Total
39,142	29	1028	1057

- XIV. There are overall 146 incomplete water supply schemes in Uttarakhand (102 schemes pending from 3 to 5 years, 39 schemes with 5 years to 10 years and 5 schemes with more than 10 years). Officials from Uttarakhand expressed hope that the State would be able to complete nearly 100 incomplete schemes, which are pending for 3-5 years, by June 2014.
- XV. **State should complete all incomplete schemes first and take up new water supply schemes** (with the balance fund available with them). If there are any cost overruns during these years for these incomplete schemes, **State shall have to complete all schemes pending for more than 5 years using its own resources. NRDWP Funds shall not be used for any cost overrun over the delayed years for any incomplete schemes.**
- XVI. As per available information, present status of coverage of population in Uttarakhand with PWS is 35 % and Planning Commission target for 2014-15 is 45 % of the total rural population. Individual households covered by PWS till 2014-15 should be atleast 2,81,671 rural households in order to meet the Planning Commission targets. State should also increase the target of habitations where atleast one source is tested.
- XVII. **State should provide authentic data, which should be updated atleast upto 2012-13, regarding the Rural population covered with Piped Water Supply (PWS) and also the number of household tap connections in the State. The information should be provided district-wise to the Ministry in both hard copy and in soft copy in positively, one month timeframe.**
- XVIII. Providing water tap connections should not be restricted to new/ongoing schemes only. State may promote and provide tap connections in old schemes as being done in other States.

- XIX. JS (Water), MDWS suggested the State to increase the target pertaining to the number of VWSC and PRI members to be trained.
- XX. Training Calendar for 2014-15 should be prepared at the earliest, shared with the Ministry and should be implemented. The training should be undertaken in such a way that all officers are included in small groups which include JE/AE/EE /Chemists/Hydro-geologist /IEC coordinators. Also, 2-3 VWSC members should be trained in 2014-15 at district level. Exposure visits/Workshops etc on important and relevant issues should be conducted. State should also submit plan for TNA Workshop as well.
- XXI. **State should cover all Government rural schools as per directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.** All public Anganwadis in Public/government buildings, if not covered previously, should be provided drinking water. State informed that it has already covered the schools which were targeted previously. All new schools (after 2007) are to be covered under SSA funding.
- XXII. State should mark all targeted habitations and other targets on the IMIS by 25th March 2014 after approval from the Ministry. **First installment for the year 2014-15 would be released only after marking is completed.**
- XXIII. State should involve ASHA workers extensively for promoting household tap connections and use of toilets. This should be taken as a campaign and should also be widely publicized across the State. The ASHA workers should be informed about the Rs 75 available as decided by the Ministry for promoting tap connection in each household in addition to Rs Rs 75 for toilet construction and usage.
- XXIV. The process of taking GPS coordinates of all drinking water sources and their quality in the State may be expedited/submitted to NRSC, Hyderabad.
- XXV. State may try to cover institutional buildings like schools, health centres, Panchayat offices etc with roof water harvesting in the year 2014-15 under NRDWP (Sustainability).
- XXVI. All drinking water sources should be tested at least once every year for chemical constituents & twice for bacteriological contamination. State should also strengthen laboratory facilities and infrastructure as mentioned in Uniform Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Protocol released by the Ministry.
- XXVII. State has not set up BRCs, CRCs till date. State should complete recruiting professionals in WSSO/CCDU, DWSM, BRC etc at the earliest.

XXVIII. State should recharge those borewells which have gone dry/ get dry during summer using NRDWP Sustainability funds. Appropriate technology may be used for getting borewells water sources recharged.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Annexure

Participating Officials to discuss Annual Action Plan (2014-15) for Uttarakhand State

Date of Meeting: 25/02/2014

Venue: Office of Joint Secretary, 9th Floor, Paryavaran Bhavan, New Delhi

S. No.	Name	Designation
Officials from Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation		
91.	Shri Satyabrata Sahu	Joint Secretary (Water), MDWS (-in the Chair)
2.	Dr. Dineshchand	Addl. Advisor (Water), MDWS
3.	Shri M.M. Singh	Director (Water), MDWS
4.	Smt. Sandhya Singh	Joint Director
5.	Shri A. K. Shrivastava	Under Secretary (Water), MDWS
6.	Dr. Brajesh K. Shrivastava	Consultant (WQ), MDWS
7.	Shri Jaimon	Consultant (M & E), MDWS
Officials from Government of Uttarakhand		
1	Ms. Sowjanya	Addl. Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand
2.	Shri Bhajan Singh	M. D., Uttarakhand Jal Nigam
2.	Shri Sunil Kumar	Chief Engineer, Uttarakhand Jal Nigam
4.	Md. Wasim Ahmad	Executive Engineer, Uttarakhand Jal Nigam